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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the session

1. The twentieth session of the Governing Council will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 1 February 1999, by the President of the Council at its nineteenth session or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council at its nineteenth session.

Item 2. Organization of the session

(a) Election of officers

2. The Governing Council elects its officers at the beginning of each regular session, in accordance with rule 18 of its rules of procedure. The geographical composition of the Bureau from 1981 to date is to be found in annex I below.

3. In keeping with a decision taken by the Governing Council at its nineteenth session, the twentieth session will be of five days' duration. Informal consultations among heads of delegation will be held on Sunday, 31 January 1999, the day before the opening of the session.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

4. The provisional agenda for the twentieth session, as approved by the Council at its nineteenth session and as revised by the Executive Director in accordance with rules 9 and 11 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, was distributed on 17 November 1998 as document UNEP/GC.20/1. The organization of work of the twentieth session, as proposed by the Executive Director, is contained in annex II to the present document. An overview of the schedule of meetings is contained in annex III.

5. In line with the recommendation made at the pre-sessional informal consultations with Governments in January 1979 to the effect that some additional items or special items could be allocated to sessional committees, the Executive Director proposes that the Governing Council during the first three days of the session, the Technical Segment, establishes one sessional committee (Committee of the Whole) to be held concurrently with plenary meetings. The Executive Director recommends that the Technical Segment consider the following items: item 4 (a) (State of the environment), 4 (b) (Emerging policy issues), 4 (c) (Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations), 4 (d) (Governance of the United Nations Environment Programme), 5 (Follow-up of General Assembly resolutions), 6 (Results of the General Assembly's consideration of the recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements), 7 (Linkages among and support to environmental and environment-related conventions), 8 (Preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development) and 9 (Programme, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters).

6. The Committee of the Whole will elect its own officers, in accordance with rule 61 of the rules of procedure, with the exception of the chairperson. In the past, the Council has designated the chairpersons of its sessional committees from the vice-presidents of the Council. The Council may, therefore, wish to consider designating one of the three vice-presidents of the session to serve as chairperson of this Committee. In addition it is proposed, depending on the outcome of discussion of the matter in the General Assembly, that the Committee of the Whole establishes a working group to consider the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements.

7. The Executive Director recommends that in the plenary meetings of the High-level Segment of the session the Council consider item 6 (Results of the General Assembly's consideration of the recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements), item 7 (Linkages among and support to environmental and environment-related conventions) and item 8 (Preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development). In addition, the Executive Director recommends that items 3 (Credentials of representatives), 10 (Provisional agenda, date and place of the twenty-first session of the Council), 11 (Other matters), 12 (Adoption of the report) and 13 (Closure of the session) should also be taken up in the plenary meetings of the High-level Segment.

8. It is proposed that, at its opening meeting, the Council should elect its officers for the session and adopt the agenda and the organization of work of the session. Finally, during this opening plenary session, the policy statement of the Executive Director will be introduced.

9. The Executive Director is proposing that immediately after the formal opening of the session, the plenary meetings should continue while the Committee of the Whole should also meet. This arrangement is proposed in order to facilitate delivery of the statements of delegations as well as to allow for integrated and coherent discussion and decision-making on items which have programmatic, administrative and financial implications in the Committee of the Whole.

10. The plenary and the Committee of the Whole would meet for the remainder of Monday, 1 February, with the plenary considering items 4 (a) (State of the environment), 4 (b) (Emerging policy issues), 4 (c) (Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations), and 4 (d) (Governance of the United Nations Environment Programme), while the Committee of the Whole considers item 6 (Results of the General Assembly's consideration of the recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements) and item 9 (Programme, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters). It is also proposed that at the Monday morning meeting of the Committee of the Whole, delegations will be invited to pledge contributions to the Environment Fund for 1999 and future years.

11. On Tuesday, 2 February, it is proposed that the plenary considers item 5 (Follow-up of General Assembly resolutions), item 7 (Linkages among and support to environmental and environment-related conventions) and item 8

(Preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development), while the Committee of the Whole continues to consider items 6 and 9.

12. In the afternoon of Wednesday, 3 February, the plenary would consider the results of its work on items 4, 5, 7 and 8 as well as the results of the work of the Committee of the Whole on items 6 and 9.

13. On Thursday, 4 February, the plenary would reconvene at the ministerial or equivalent level. A brief opening ceremony for this high-level segment is planned, during which the Council would consider items 6, 7 and 8, which may take the form of a round-table discussion on specific topics raised by delegations, in addition to items 3 and 10.

14. On Friday, 5 February, the Council would deal with item 11 (Other matters). The Council would then proceed to the adoption of its report (item 12) and the closure of the session (item 13).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/GC.20/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda and organization of the work of the session
UNEP/GC.20/INF/1	Report on the state of preparedness of documents for the twentieth session

Item 3. Credentials of representatives

15. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the twentieth session of the Council will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon to the Council. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each member of the Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Item 4. Policy issues

16. The Council is invited to hold a general discussion on the various policy issues raised in the documentation for this item. The Council may wish to reflect the outcome of its deliberations in one or more policy decisions. The Council will have before it suggested action on these policy issues.

17. As a basis for its discussion, the Council will have before it the policy statement of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC.20/2) setting out those issues in the field of the environment that the Executive Director finds of paramount importance to the Council. Among other things, the statement will include a report on the status of implementation of Council decisions taken at its nineteenth session and fifth special session. It will also include a report on the efforts undertaken to revitalize, reform and strengthen the

United Nations Environment Programme, progress on programmatic issues as well as efforts to involve all sectors of society in the planning, development and implementation of UNEP's activities.

18. During its deliberations on policy matters, the Council will also consider reports from the Executive Director on the state of the environment (item 4(a)) and reports on emerging policy issues such as the further development of environmental law and promoting greater awareness and facilitating cooperation among all sectors of society (item 4(b)). The Council will address the issue of coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations (item 4(c)) and governance of the United Nations Environment Programme (item 4(d)). The background to each of these items is set out in paragraphs 19 to 24 below.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/2	Policy statement by the Executive Director

Item 4 (a). State of the environment

19. In its decision 19/3, paragraph 7, the Council requested the Executive Director to submit the next report in the Global Environment Outlook series (Global Environment Outlook-2) for the consideration of the Council at its twentieth regular session. The background to the preparation of the GEO-2 report will be before the Council in document UNEP/GC.20/3. The executive summary of the report will be available to the Council in document UNEP/GC.20/INF/8.

20. The Executive Director was also requested in Governing Council decision 19/8, paragraph 5, to note and implement Council decision 17/31, in which the Executive Director was requested to provide technical assistance in Palestinian institutional and self-capacity-building in the field of the environment, including training in the relevant necessary fields, in close coordination with the United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories, multilateral financial institutions and donor countries. The report for the twentieth session (UNEP/GC.20/4) will outline, in particular, the efforts of UNEP in providing technical assistance in Palestinian institutional and self-capacity-building in the field of the environment.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/3	Report on the Global Environment Outlook (GEO-2)
UNEP/GC.20/4	The environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
UNEP/GC.20/INF/8	Executive summary of GEO-2
UNEP/GC.20/INF/9	Report on the environmental situation in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Item 4 (b). Emerging policy issues

21. The further development of environmental law aiming at sustainable development and the promotion of greater awareness and the facilitation of effective cooperation among all sectors of society and actors involved in the implementation of the international environmental agenda were identified among the core elements of the focused mandate of the revitalized United Nations Environment Programme in Council decision 19/1 (Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme). The Council will have before it the reports of the Executive Director on further development of environmental law: the Montevideo Programme beyond 2000 (UNEP/GC.20/5) and promoting greater awareness and facilitating cooperation among all sectors of society (UNEP/GC.20/INF/2). In addition, under this item, the Council will have the policy statement of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC.20/2).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/2	Policy statement of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC.20/5	Further development of environmental law: the Montevideo Programme beyond 2000
UNEP/GC.20/INF/2	Promoting greater awareness and facilitating cooperation among all sectors of society

Item 4 (c). Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations

22. Another core element of the focused mandate of UNEP in the Nairobi Declaration mentioned above calls on UNEP to strengthen its role in the coordination of environmental activities in the United Nations system in the field of the environment, as well as its role as an Implementing Agency of the Global Environment Facility, based on its comparative advantage and scientific and technical expertise.

23. In furtherance of the above, the Executive Director will place before the Council reports on policy and advisory services of the United Nations Environment Programme in key areas of institution-building (UNEP/GC.20/6), the work of the Inter-Agency Environment Coordination Group and the system-wide strategy in the field of the environment (UNEP/GC.20/7), UNEP's

participation in the work of the Global Environment Facility (UNEP/GC.20/8) and further improvement of the international response to environmental emergencies (UNEP/GC.20/9). Other reports will cover the role of women in environment and development (UNEP/GC.20/10), UNEP's support for the implementation of the Convention to Combat Desertification (UNEP/GC.20/11) and memoranda of understanding concerning cooperation between UNEP and other organizations in the United Nations system (UNEP/GC.20/INF/4 and Add.1). In addition, the policy statement of the Executive Director (UNEP/GC.20/2) also addresses coordination and cooperation on the part of UNEP within and outside the United Nations.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/2	Policy statement of the Executive Director
UNEP/GC.20/6	Policy and advisory services of the United Nations Environment Programme in key areas of institution-building
UNEP/GC.20/7	The work of the Inter-Agency Environment Coordination Group and the system-wide strategy in the field of the environment
UNEP/GC.20/8	Participation of the United Nations Environment Programme in the work of the Global Environment Facility
UNEP/GC.20/9	Report of the Executive Director on further improvement of the international response to environmental emergencies
UNEP/GC.20/10	Role of women in environment and development
UNEP/GC.20/11	Report on support for the implementation of the Convention to Combat Desertification
UNEP/GC.20/INF/4 and Add.1	Memoranda of understanding concerning cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and other organizations in the United Nations system

Item 4(d). Governance of the United Nations Environment Programme

24. In its decision 19/32 the Governing Council established a High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials and strengthened the Committee of Permanent Representatives as subsidiary organs of the Council. Under this item, the Council will have before it a report on the work of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials and that of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/GC.20/12). The Council will also have before it an assessment of the functioning of the secretariat of UNEP prepared by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (UNEP/GC.20/13).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/12	Report of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials and the Committee of Permanent Representatives
UNEP/GC.20/13	An assessment of the functioning of the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme

Item 5. Follow-up of General Assembly resolutions

25. The Council will have before it a report of the Executive Director on issues arising from the General Assembly resolutions adopted at the fifty-second and fifty-third sessions and the nineteenth special session specifically calling for action by UNEP (UNEP/GC.20/14). The results of the General Assembly's consideration of recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements will be addressed under agenda item 6 (see paragraphs 28 and 29 below).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/14	Issues arising from the resolutions of the General Assembly adopted at its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions and its nineteenth special session specifically calling for action by the United Nations Environment Programme

Item 6. Results of the General Assembly's consideration of the recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements

26. The United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements established by the Secretary-General under the chairmanship of the Executive Director of UNEP made recommendations on inter-agency coordination, linkages among and support to environmental and environment-related conventions, UNEP, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements and the United Nations Office at Nairobi, information, monitoring, assessment and early warning, intergovernmental forums, involvement of major groups and future initiatives. It is the view of the Secretary-General that the report of the Task Force constitutes an important step both in the overall process of United Nations reform as well as in undertaking the urgent adjustments required in the international system to tackle the pervasive and serious threats to the global environment and move the process of urbanization decisively in a sustainable direction.

27. In addition to the decision of the General Assembly on recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463), the Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements (UNEP/GC.20/INF/3).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/15	Results of the General Assembly's consideration of the recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements
UNEP/GC.20/INF/3	Report of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements

Item 7. Linkages among and support to environmental and environment-related conventions

28. The Council will have before it reports by the Executive Director on strengthening the role of UNEP in promoting collaboration among environmental conventions (UNEP/GC.20/16), programmatic support from UNEP to environmental conventions (UNEP/GC.20/17), the status of international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (UNEP/GC.20/18) and promoting interlinkages among global environmental issues and human needs (UNEP/GC.20/40).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/16	Strengthening the role of UNEP in promoting collaboration among environmental conventions
UNEP/GC.20/17	Programmatic support from the United Nations Environment Programme to environmental conventions
UNEP/GC.20/18	Status of international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment

Item 8. Preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

29. In pursuance of Council decision SS.V/3, the Council will have before it UNEP's contribution to the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development on the environmental aspects of oceans management, including the problems of sustainable development of small island developing States, and sustainable tourism (UNEP/GC.20/19).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/19	Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Item 9. Programme, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters

30. In decision 19/1, the Nairobi Declaration, the Council emphasized that UNEP has been and should continue to be the principal United Nations body in the field of the environment. This was endorsed by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session and by the Governing Council at its fifth special session in decision SS.V/2 (Revitalization, reform and strengthening of UNEP). Under this item, the Council will have before it the "Proposed programme budget of UNEP, revised requirements for 1998-1999 and proposed requirements for 2000-2001" (UNEP/GC.20/22), Part One of which provides an overview of the financial situation, while Part Two sets out the proposed revised budget for 1998-1999 and the proposed budget for 2000-20001, and Part Three a re-examination of the 1998-1999 programme and the proposed programme for 2000-2001.

31. Also under this item, the Council will have before it reports by the Executive Director on stable, adequate and predictable funding for UNEP in the future (UNEP/GC.20/23), the management of trust funds and counterpart contributions (UNEP/GC.20/25), the cost of administering trust funds (UNEP/GC.20/26) and revision of the Financial Rules of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme and revision of the General Procedures governing the Operations of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/GC.20/27), as well as the financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1997 and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on financial reports and audited accounts of the Environment Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 1997 (UNEP/GC.20/24).

32. The Council will also have before it under this item the report of the Executive Director on the functioning of the regional offices and proposed measures for the strengthening of regionalization and decentralization (UNEP/GC.20/28) and his report on the functioning of UNEP's specialized offices (UNEP/GC.20/29).

33. In addition, the Council will have before it under this item reports of the Executive Director of a programmatic nature, including reports on "Mercure satellite communications system: report on a full review and cost-benefit analysis of the system and the experience gained in its initial operation" (UNEP/GC.20/30), progress made in the implementation of Governing Council decision SS.V/4 on freshwater and e ironmental issues arising from the decision (UNEP/GC.20/31), the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (UNEP/GC.20/32), progress made by UNEP in the implementation of decision 19/16 on biosafety (UNEP/GC.20/33), the establishment of a regional seas programme for the East Central Pacific (UNEP/GC.20/35) and the International Coral Reef Initiative (UNEP/GC.20/36), as well as information on chemicals, including further measures to reduce the risks from a limited number of hazardous chemicals (UNEP/GC.20/37), and reports on enhanced coherence and efficiency among international activities related to chemicals (UNEP/GC.20/38), the outcome of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (UNEP/GC.20/39) and international action to protect human health and the environment through measures which will reduce and/or eliminate emissions and discharges of persistent organic pollutants, including the development of an international legally binding instrument (UNEP/GC.20/41). Other documents submitted under

this item will be reports on UNEP's role in the promotion of sustainable production and consumption (UNEP/GC.20/42), policy and adisory services of UNEP in the key area of economics, trade and financial services (UNEP/GC.20/43) and an action plan on complementarity and additionality between UNEP's GEF activities and its regular programme (UNEP/GC.20/44).

34. Also under this item, the Council will have before it the Executive Director's report on the activities of UNEP in support of Africa (UNEP/GC.20/34), a priority area identified in Council decision SS.V/2.

35. Other documents before the Council under this item will be a report on the status of implementation of the recommendations made in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNEP/GC.20/20), the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the revised UNEP budget proposals for 1998-1999 and proposals for 2000-2001 (UNEP/GC.20/21), the proposed programme budget of the United Nations Office at Nairobi for 2000-2001 (UNEP/GC.20/INF/5), the report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly on the audited accounts of UNEP for the biennium ended 31 December 1997 (UNEP/GC.20/INF/6), the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the audited accounts of UNEP for the biennium ended 31 December 1997 (UNEP/GC.20/INF/7), the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-fifth session on the evaluation of the programme on environment (UNEP/GC.20/INF/10), the report of the Secretary-General on causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (UNEP/GC.20/INF/11) and revised legislative and financial texts regarding UNEP and the Environment Fund (UNEP/GC.20/INF/12).

DOCUMENTATION

UNEP/GC.20/20	Status of implementation of the recommendations made in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi
UNEP/GC.20/21	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the revised UNEP budget proposals for 1998-1999 and proposals for 2000-2001
UNEP/GC.20/22	Proposed programme budget of UNEP, revised requirements for 1998-1999 and proposed requirements for 2000-2001
UNEP/GC.20/23	Stable, adequate and predictable funding for the United Nations Environment Programme
UNEP/GC.20/24	Financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1997 and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on financial reports and audited accounts of the Environment Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 1997
UNEP/GC.20/25	Management of trust funds and counterpart contributions
UNEP/GC.20/26	Cost of administering trust funds
UNEP/GC.20/27	Revision of the Financial Rules of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme and revision of the General Procedures governing the Operations of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme
UNEP/GC.20/28	Functioning of the regional offices and proposed measures for the strengthening of regionalization and decentralization
UNEP/GC.20/29	Functioning of UNEP's specialized offices
UNEP/GC.20/30	Mercure satellite communications system: report on a full review and cost-benefit analysis of the system and the experience gained in its initial operation
UNEP/GC.20/31	Progress made in the implementation of Governing Council decision SS.V/4 on freshwater and environmental issues arising from the decision

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GC.20/32	Status report on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities
UNEP/GC.20/33	Progress made in the implementation of Governing Council decision 19/16 on biosafety
UNEP/GC.20/34	United Nations Environment Programme activities in support of Africa
UNEP/GC.20/35	Status report on the establishment of a regional seas programme for the East Central Pacific
UNEP/GC.20/36	International Coral Reef Initiative
UNEP/GC.20/37	Further measures to reduce the risks from a limited number of hazardous chemicals
UNEP/GC.20/38	Enhanced coherence and efficiency among international activities related to chemicals
UNEP/GC.20/39	Outcome of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
UNEP/GC.20/40	Promoting interlinkages among global environmental issues and human needs
UNEP/GC.20/41	International action to protect human health and the environment through measures which will reduce and/or eliminate emissions and discharges of persistent organic pollutants, including the development of an international legally binding instrument
UNEP/GC.20/42	The role of the United Nations Environment Programme in the promotion of sustainable production and consumption
UNEP/GC.20/43	Policy and advisory services of the United Nations Environment Programme in the key area of economics, trade and financial services
UNEP/GC.20/44	Action plan on complementarity and additionality between UNEP's GEF activities and its regular programme
UNEP/GC.20/INF/5	Proposed programme budget of the United Nations Office at Nairobi for 2000-2001

UNEP/GC.20/INF/6	Report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly on the audited accounts of the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium ended 31 December 1997
UNEP/GC.20/INF/7	Status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the audited accounts of the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium ended 31 December 1997
UNEP/GC.20/INF/10	Triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-fifth session on the evaluation of the programme on environment
UNEP/GC.20/INF/11	Report of the Secretary-General on causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa
UNEP/GC.20/INF/12	Revised legislative and financial texts regarding the United Nations Environment Programme and the Environment Fund

Item 10. Provisional agenda, date and place of the twenty-first session of the Council

36. The recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements address the nature and frequency of the meetings of the Governing Council. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that regular sessions of the Council shall be held at UNEP headquarters, unless otherwise decided by the Council at a previous session. The Executive Director will propose a provisional agenda and dates for the convening of the twenty-first session of the Council.

Annex I

GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF THE PUREAU OF THE
UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999
REGIONAL GROUP												
AFRICAN GROUP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP
ASIAN GROUP	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp
EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres
LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN GROUP	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP
WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP

Note: Pres - President
VP - Vice-President
Rapp - Rapporteur

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Annex II

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE
TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

PLENARY

10 a.m.

Item 1: **Opening of the session**

Item 2: **Organization of the session**

Item 2 (a): **Election of officers**

Item 2 (b): **Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session**

PLENARY

11.30 a.m.

Item 4: Policy issues

(a) State of the environment

(b) Emerging policy issues

(c) Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations

(d) Governance of the United Nations Environment Programme

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11.30 a.m.

Item 6: Results of the General Assembly's consideration of the recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements

Item 9: Programme, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters

Pledging session

PLENARY

3 p.m.

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TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 1999

PLENARY

10 a.m.

Item 5: Follow-up of General Assembly resolutions

Item 7: Linkages among and support to environmental and environment-related conventions

Item 8: Preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

PLENARY

9 a.m.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

9 a.m.

Item 6: Results of the General Assembly's consideration of the recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements

Item 9: Programme, the Environment Fund and administrative and other budgetary matters

PLENARY

2 p.m.

Item 4: Policy issues

(a) State of the environment

(b) Emerging policy issues

(c) Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations, including non-governmental organizations

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4.30 p.m.

Panel on sustainable tourism

THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

PLENARY

(HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT)

9 a.m.

Item 3: Credentials of representatives

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Panel on the chemical agenda

FRIDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

PLENARY

(HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT)

9 a.m.

Consideration and adoption of decisions under the following agenda items:

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3 p.m.

Item 10: Provisional agenda, date and place of the twenty-first session of the Council

Item 11: Other matters

Item 12: Adoption of the report

Item 13: Closure of the session

Annex III

OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
1-5 FEBRUARY 1999

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